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The Sweetest Lives.

The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,
Whose deeds, both great and small,
Are close-knit strands of an unbroken thread,
Where love ennobles all.
The world may sound no trumpets, ring no bells;
The Book of Life the shining record tells.

Thy love shall chant its own beatitudes
After its own life working. A child's kiss
Set on thy singing lips shall make thee glad;
A poor man served by thee shall make thee rich;
A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong;
Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense
Of service which thou renderest.

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

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NOTES.

Plymouth and the First Churches of San Francisco are having evening congregations of 175 persons. This is about the size also of the morning congregations.

The poem entitled "The Travelers," was written by a loving father whose only child, a son about fifteen years old, passed recently into the life beyond. It will touch a sympathetic chord in many a heart.

The Pacific was very late last week on account of delay in setting up the press on which it was to be printed. It is much easier to say that you are going to get back to former conditions than it is to get there.

The strain in resuming business is very heavy on business men, not a few are breaking down under it, and some have died. People in general did not realize for several weeks how hard they had been struck by the earthquake and the fire.

We are glad that the Santa Clara Association appointed a committee which is to work to put The Pacific into every Congregational home within the borders of the association. A campaign of education as to the church paper is needed. Congregationalism cannot do its work on the coast without The Pacific; and The Pacific cannot do the good it is called to do until it has access to more homes. The people need it, and it needs the people.

Congregational Rooms in Berkeley are in the Barker Block at the corner of Dwight Way and Shattuck. Superintendent Harrison of the California Home Missionary Society, Secretary Wickoff of the Church Building Society, Superintendent Singer of the Sunday School Society and Secretary Tenney of the American Board have rooms there. The editor of The Pacific is located in the printing office in that locality—at 2040 Haste street, near Shattuck.

A JOURNEY AMONG THE CHURCHES.

J. K. H.

The calamity of San Francisco has attracted the chief attention of all through the past weeks and still merits most of our thought and prayer.

Yet it is pleasing to record the fact that in the districts reaching from the extreme South to the northern borders the churches are moving forward in the usual way and with some increase of life.

The meeting of the San Joaquin Association recently held was one of the best in its history. The reports from the several churches all spoke of improvement. Fresno is awaiting with much anticipation the coming of the new pastor, Rev. Charles Queen, from Ventura.

Oleander under the strong ministry of Rev. J. E. Duff, is stronger, in some respects, than ever.

Tulare, one of our oldest churches in the valley is growing in every department of church work with the leadership of its able and modest pastor, Mr. Davenport.

Stockton, to speak of which is to call up the face and voice of Pastor Sink, reports a rapidly growing fund for the new church building for which they have so long worked and planned.

Ceres, also, the Colony Church, made up of the Pilgrims from the Middle West, told of growth in the midst of hard beginnings.

Porterville, where the Association met, has recently called a new pastor, Rev. C. N. Hand, a graduate of this year's class in the Pacific Theological Seminary. It is a great, good fortune for any man to succeed to the work of a pastor so wise and beloved as Mr. Milligan, the predecessor of Mr. Hand.

During the session of the Association, a recess was taken and the council called for the purpose examined and ordained Mr. Hand.

The Association was attended, not only by all the churches in its bounds, but had the presence and enthusiasm of Dr. McLean and Prof. Nash, fresh from the "Congress" and also the Superintendent of the Sunday School and Home Missionary Societies.

From the San Joaquin Association the writer went to the special meeting of the Santa Clara Association at San Jose.

The regular meeting had been arranged for at Redwood, on the 18th day of April, the never to be forgotten date of the earthquake. The tables had been laid in the lecture room for the delegates who did not come and who would not have been permitted to go into the shattered church with its laden tables sliding down the floor. But the brethren felt that at least an informal meeting should be held. So Pastor Patchell and his good people opened their church and one of the most helpful of meetings followed.

How can a meeting where Rev. E. S. Williams is present help being filled with sunshine and good fellowship!

The reports from the churches represented were cheering. The meeting was full of sympathy for the stricken churches, of practical resolutions for helping them as well as the various benevolent societies. The "Pacific" particularly, came in for a rousing speech from Mr. Laurence, a prominent layman of San Jose. It was heartily voted to raise the proportionate amount for the $10,000 fund.

An interesting feature, also, was the examination and approbation of Mr. C. C. Champlin, a student of our Seminary, who is to preach during the summer at Seaside, a small church near Pacific Grove. Mr. Champlin has had quite a varied experience in this country and Japan and commended himself and his work by his clear and well balanced statements.

From the Santa Clara Valley, fragrant with blossoms and fruit and good fellowship, our journey took us far North to the base of snow-capped Mt. Shasta. We were joined again by Mr. Singer of the Sunday School Society, and together we went to attend a council called for the double purpose of reorganizing a new church and ordaining two persons—a man and a woman, for the gospel ministry.

The history of the church at McCloud is a very interesting one. Its location is at the foot of Mt. Shasta, surrounded on all sides by forests of pine and fir. The town, built up of fine homes, with all modern conveniences of water, sewers, electric lights and power, has now a population of about 3500. Several years ago, when the town was much smaller, a number of Christian people of all denominations decided they must have a church. With some counsel from friends the decided to organize a union church. They built by themselves a beautiful little church, with sloping floor, pews and fine pulpit furniture. They decided among themselves that for such a church they needed a Congregational minister, and one was suggested. After one year it was voted unanimously to seek full fellowship with the Congregational churches, and to this end the council was called. In the meantime, the first minister had been obliged to leave on account of his health, and another man, I. C. Crook, connected with the Methodist church was asked to supply the pulpit. He, also, sought full recognition, and joined in the invitation for the Council to ordain him.

But this was not all. The wife of one of our ministers,

Mrs. I J Luce, a graduate of Olivet College, who had also taken a two year's course in the Seminary with her husband, felt called by her own heart and the wishes of the people whom she served in connection with her husband, to enter the full work of the ministry. The field in which this devoted couple labor has fine churches and many outlying points where preaching is greatly needed.

So, in this little mountain town, amid the murmuring pines the handful of delegates who had come from long distances gave themselves to prayerful consideration of their three-fold call. The church was found to have adopted almost word for word the Constitution from our own Handbook, and also our Covenant of Faith.

The candidates for ordination, different in their training, and manner of expression, were yet filled with the same Spirit as those on the day of Pentecost, and fully approved themselves both in Christian experiences and statement of doctrine.

Sunday morning the church was formally received into full fellowship. and at the evening service, before a crowded audience, the two candidates were set aside with prayer and the laying on of hands for the fuller service of the ministry of Christ.

So the work goes forward, in spite of the great misfortune. Many fields are opening—many earnest men and women offering themselves for service.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

On the invitation of the W. H. M. U., the W. B. M. P united with us for the June meeting of 1906. As a matter of courtesy it was held on the 6th, the date of their regular meeting. With a sense of relief we gathered at Berkeley, and Pacific Theological Seminary, where everything was as fresh and quiet and restful as if there had been no blighting, devastating fire so near.

The call of the president was to a "Praise and Hope" meeting: the two thoughts which should, and need to be uppermost in all our lives at this time

The usual reports of both societies occupied the morning hour, and Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M. and Dr G. C. Adams of the Cal. H. M. Society were the speakers of the afternoon.

Mr. Tenney is being frequently asked if the Pacific Coast will raise its proportion of the "Centennial Million?"

Dr. Adams reports that through the generosity of Eastern friends, and the decision on the part of some of the smaller churches to be more self reliant, the lesser problems of the Cal. H. M. S. resulting from the sudden and unlooked for need of help by some others, have been solved. For the greater ones like that of the First Church, San Francisco, more time will be required. It will be impossible to know until the end of the year what either of our two largest churches can do in the way of benevolence, owing to their loss of income, but it is certain that they will do the best they can.

Meantime,—and always,—the H. M. S. looks to the Woman's Union to help it out, for "it takes the women to gather up and save the dimes: the men can not do it." They can make use of every hundred dollar cheque that comes in, but they can not make them up of ten cent pieces gathered here and there.

During the day a strong point was made of systematic giving; a fresh story being told of a small town in Kentucky where the eggs laid on Sunday were given for mission purposes, realizing the sum of $2100 in one year. New emphasis was also given to the words, "There is that giveth and yet increaseth" in the case of a church in Washington State that took up a collection for missions on the first Sunday of the second month of its existence, and in a very short time quadrupled its membership.

The day of our meeting was beautiful, the lunch on the lawn enjoyable, and the Seminary chapel crowded beyond its seating capacity. The spirit of hope and good cheer prevailed, and universal approval was expressed for the uniting in this way of our two women's societies.

t was gratifying to hear it said that the secretaries of all the societies of our denomination are coming to feel that the time has come for competition,—not to say jealousy—among them to cease, and all become one in the service of the One Leader in His one work. That He is grieved and His work hindered when we see and think of one fraction of it only. If this conclusion is the result of the earthquake our doxology may include even that hereafter.

In connection with the regular offering an opportunity was given for a special Thank Offering, the whole amount received being ninety-two dollars; the home and foreign work each receiving forty-six dollars L. E. A.

DEDICATION OF CLAREMONT CHURCH.

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." This saying of the Psalmist was echoed in many a heart in Claremont, Sunday, June 3rd, for on that day was dedicated the beautiful new house of worship which has been in process of erection for more than a year. The services though simple, were appropriate and inspiring. The Responsive Reading, Ps. 122, the Scripture Lesson from II Chron. 6-7, the selected hymn, "O Thou Whose Own Vast Temple Stands",and "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation", with the dedicatory prayer, fittingly introduced the sermon by the pastor, Dr. Henry Kingman. This was a strong plea for the recognition of the secredness of the dedicated place, and of the reverence demanded of the worshipers, that the house might serve its true purpose of highest ministry to men. The text was from John 2: 16, "My Father's House." The rendering of "Unto us a Child is Born" and "Hallelujah" (from The Messiah) by a chorus of fifty voices directed by Prof. F. . Bacon, added much to the impressiveness of the service

It was very gratifying to the pastor and members of the church to receive as associate members, forty-six Pomona College students. These young people, while retaining affiliation with their home churches wished to enter into covenant with the Claremont church at this time of its enlarged opportunity and responsibility.

The Vesper Service at 6 o'clock was devoted to memories of former pastors, and of many others who in years past have been active in the varied ministries of the church. Prof. C. B. Summer, the first pastor, led the service. Prof. F. P. Brackett spoke lovingly and appreciatively of the work of the second pastor, Rev. H. W Jones. Prof. A. D. Bissell testified to the helpfulness of the ministry of Rev. W. H. McDougal, who is still working for the glory of God and the benefit of mankind in another part of the state. Prof. D. H. Colcord paid a beautiful tribute to the value of the work of Rev. H. N. Kinney, in his short but fruitful pastorate. Prof. E. C. Norton, Rev. E. C. Eckles and Mrs. H. N. Kinney spoke of many others who have labored faithfully here, and have passed on to receive their reward.

FORTY YEARS.

The church in Benicia observed its fortieth anniversary June3-5.

It had been planned to have Dr. S. H. Willey, who came to California in 1849, and who was pastor of this church for nine years, to be present on Sunday and make a short address. The death of Mrs. Willey in her home in Berkeley on Saturday changed this part of the program, and brought a feeling of sadness to many who had known her in former years.

On Tuesday evening. June 5th. after a bountiful supper, the exercises of the anniversary proper were held. Rev. Jos P. Macauley of the M. E. church led the devotional. Prof E. H. Mosher, chairman of the Board of Trustees tendered words of welcome, to which response was made by Rev. Seneca Jones on behalf of the Upper Bay Association.

Letters and reminiscences from former pastors and workers in the Ladies' Social circle were read by the pastor, Rev. B. St John. Fraternal greetings from sister churches were voiced by Rev. Issac Dawson, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Rev. Burton Palmer of Fruitvale, for four years, pastor, gave an interesting address from a former pastor's standpoint.

Rev. Theo. F. Burnham of Vallejo, spoke for Benicia

presbytery, giving the history of the organization of a Presbyterian church here on April 15th 1849 by Rev. Sylvester Woodbridge, D.D. After nearly twenty years of service, through differences growing out of the Civil War, this church declined, and the Congregational church was organized and became in an important sense the residuary legatee of the work began in pioneer years. The church has had sixteen pastors, and a changing constituency, but has done a worthy work in spite of all difficulties. Just now the church is being greatly weakened by the removal of two of its choicest families, who go to Oakland and Berkeley. But a faithful band remain, who will continue the work so well done in former years.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Los Angeles, First.—On the 10th of June there were 43 additions to this church; 16 on confession and 27 by letter.

Oakland, Fourth.—On Children's Day fifteen were graduated from the primary department of the Sunday-school and were presented with Bibles by the pastor, Mr. Maar. Twelve united with this church at the last communion. On Thursday evening, June 21st, the church celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary in a fitting way.

San Lorenzo, Christian Union Church.—At the communion service last Sunday morning, four united with the church on confession of faith. The resignation of Rev. N. C. Gause as pastor of the church was accepted with regrets. Mr. Gause anticipates the founding of a new church in a needy field some time in the near future. In the meantime, by way of a few months vacation, he will go on the lecture platform, with the following lectures: "The Poet of the Common People," "San Francisco, the City of Ruins," (illustrated, "The Man of Nazareth," (illustrated' and "An Evening with James Whitcomb Riley." The Junior C. E. of the Union Church is fitting up the Sunday-school room, converting it into a veritable parlor for their meetings.

THE TRAVELERS.

I.

Oh, my lad, it is long since the day your child-feet
Tried their first brave steps with such zest;
While with hungering arms, lips waiting to greet,
I welcomed you fast to my breast.

II.

All too swiftly the years are gone in their flight!
Away from me now your path leads
Through the valley of shadows, the river, the night,
My arms reach in vain! My heart bleeds!

III.

But I follow you, lad, to the Land o' the Leal,
Where yours are the hands stretched to mine!
Boyish hands, manly heart, Christian soul—There I kneel
With eyes looking full into thine.

FUND IN AID OF CHURCHES.

The following sums have been received for relief in San Francisco, for aid in rebuilding churches. Wherever a donor has expressed a wish as to the use of the money it has been carried out. Of the total given here $4100 has been turned over to the committee in charge of the rebuilding of churches. The balance, except a small sum being held for very needy cases, has been used for the relief of needy people in our churches. There is need of a very large sum in addition for rebuilding:

Glencoe, Illinois, by General C. H. Howard.	$100.00
Cleveland, Ohio, Pilgrim	130 00
Torrington, Conn.	63.00
Olivet, Mich.	47.51
Compton Hill, St. Louis, S. S.	10.00
Chicago, by Rev. J. C. Armstrong	3600.00
Newcastle, Neb., W. D. Benham	5.00
Hampton, Iowa	112.33
Sparta, Wis.	55.00
Stratford, Conn.	57.00
New York, Manhattan Church	205.62
Cleveland, O., Pilgrim, Additional	10.00
Huntsburg, Ohio	11.44
Alton, Illinois	166.00
Meriden, Conn., First	530.83
Compton Hill, St. Louis, Additional	10.00
Atlanta, Georgia, Central	118.75
Saugatuck, Mich. S. S.	7.35
Manchester, N. H. First	512.65
Bridgeport, Conn. West End	16.28
Cambridge, Mass., Pilgrim	41.75
Chicago, Dr. E. M. Willliams	501.00
Ridgebury, Conn.	5.85
Newton, Conn.	32.15
Meriden, Conn., Center	125.00
Chicago, Rev. J. C. Armstrong, Additional	927.75
Hampton, Iowa, Additional	5.50
New York City, S. S.	10.00
Bridgeport, Conn, Park St.	125.00
Stratford, Conn., Additional	20.00
Hillsborough Bridge, N. H.	25.00
Total to date	$7136.76

GEORGE C. ADAMS.
San Francisco.

RECEIPTS FOR CHURCH RECONSTRUCTION AND RELIEF IN AND ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO.

Bethel Conn. Congregational Church	$ 44.25
New Haven Conn, Maria H. Brady	10.00
" " " Rev. A. Archibald, D.D.	15.00
Tampa, Florida, A Friend	5.00
New Plymouth, Idaho, Congregational Church	3.70
Champaign, Illinois, Congregational Church	14.00
Peru " " "	17.25
Stockton, Ill., H. M. Herrick	5.00
Galt, Iowa, Congregational Church	5.00
An Old Congregationalist—Kansas	5.00
Bath, Maine, Central Cong'l Church	100.00
Ewing, Mass., Congregational Church	2.75
N. Abington, Mass., 4th Congregational Church	26.77
Salem, Mass., Pilgrim " " "	194.25
South Farmington, Mass., Cong'l Church	50.00
Uxbridge. Mass., First Evan. Conng'l Church	20.17
Dowagiac, Mich., Cong'l S. S.	15.00
Bonne Terre, Mo., Cong'l Church	50.00
Billings, Montana " "	27.00
Union, N. H. Cong'l Church and S. S.	27.76
Rensselaer Falls, N. Y. Cong'l Church	19.00
New York City, New York, Broadway Tabernacle	614.40
State Association, New York	500.00
Hillsboro, N. D., Congregational C. E. S.	2.71
Niagara, N. D. Cong'l S. S.	30.00
Marietta, Ohio, First Cong'l Church	94.00
Mt. Vernon " " "	45.00
Twinsburg " " "	7.00
Portland, Or. " " "	77.00
" " Miss. Ave Cong'l Church	20.25
" " Highland Cong'l Church	4.00
" " Miss E. M. Smith	5.00
Willsburg Oreg. Cong'l Church	5.00
Scranton Penn., Puritan Cong'l Church	13.25
Fort Worth, Texas, Cong'l Church	55.00
Bellingham, Wash., Plymouth Cong'l Church	4.00
Port Angeles, Wash., First Cong'l Church	5.00
Ritzville, Wash., Hon. J. D. Bassett	50.00
Rio, Wisconsin, Cong'l Church	4.67
Berkeley, Calif, A Friend	.50
Fresno, Calif., Zion German C. E. S.	5.00
Los Angeles, Calif., Vernon Cong'l Church	106.00
" " Olivet Cong'l Church	15.00
San Jose, Cal., W. E. Hazleton	100.00
Total	$2426.53

Berkeley, Cal. June 12, 1906 H. H. WIKOFF,
Treasurer.